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AYURVEDIC MEDICINE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view the increasing acceptability of Ayurvedic medicine world-wide, the Government have any plan to increase its scope by establishing an University/National Research Centre/Digital Libraries etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a)&(b): The Government is establishing a Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) covering about 35,000 formulations contained in 14 Ayurvedic texts. Traditional Knowledge Digital Library for 35,000 formulations will be completed by December, 2002.

There is already a Gujarat Ayurved University. The Government of Rajasthan is proposing to establish an Ayurvedic University. Working Group on 10th Plan recommended a scheme for grant-in-aid for creating Centres of Excellence.

The Department is conducting research intra-murally through Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha. Research projects are also being assisted under Extra-mural scheme.